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To: Morris, Sam

Subject: Comments for Meeting Tonight

Dear Mr. Morris,

As I will be unable to attend the Dec. 6 meeting on CDD and Beneficial use, I request that my written comments please be taken into consideration.

Construction or demo. debris (CDD), as defined in ch. 400, defines an unsafe fuel for "beneficial use."

* Paint wastes are classified as "special wastes," yet many of the items included in the definition CDD are commonly contaminated with paints. Furniture is rarely left unfinished, and much wood waste and wall board from construction is treated and/or painted. Using wood contaminated with lead based paints, or paints manufactured with plastics, as fuel could expose the environment to both lead and dioxin. The risks of such exposure are well documented.

* PVC piping is not uncommon to encounter as an element of construction or demo. debris and is not excluded from the definition. The burning of any PVC piping for "beneficial use" would result in the production of dioxin, a well-known health hazard.

If a waste product is to be salvaged for "beneficial use," the use should not pose an immediate threat to human and environmental health. The current definition of construction or demolition debris does not ensure that it can be used as a safe fuel.

Unless standards can be established to assure the effective removal of asbestos, lead and plastic based paints, other lead and heavy metal sources, and dioxin producing articles from CDD it should not be used as a fuel. Maine should adopt a moratorium on the burning of CDD until these standards can be established. Until then, the Department entrusts the health of Maine's people and environment to corporations liable to their stockholders, not the protection of Maine's environment. I urge you to consider the health and safety of the environment **first** on this issue. The quality of life on this planet depends on it.

Sincerely,

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"Construction or demolition debris" means **solid waste resulting from construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition** of structures. It includes but is not limited to: **building materials, discarded furniture**, asphalt, **wall board**, pipes, and metal conduits. It excludes: partially filled containers of glues, tars, solvents, resins, paints, or caulking compounds; friable asbestos; and other special wastes.

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